to streamline Public Distribution System in the country during the current financial year;

(b) whether the Central Government have issued any guidelines to the State Governments during the last two months in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (c) The State Governments have been advised from time to time to expand Public Distribution System. At the last meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System which was held in May, 1984, there was a general consensus that States will strengthen the Public Distribution System at grass-root level and make it operationally effective; make an in-depth appraisal of the functioning of the Public Distribution System to ensure its impact as an anti-inflationary programme; increase commodity coverage so that more items of mass consumption are available to the people through Public Distribution System; develop a monitoring system at different levels for proper coordination in respect of procurement, storage and distribution of essential commodities; give adequate priority for construction of warehousing facilities at block|taluka level; ensure timely availability of essential commodities from fair price shops to the consumers; secure active and popular participation of the representatives of consumers and other public spirited persons for regular and sustained supervision of Public Distribution System by setting up Advisory|Vigilance Committees at different levels; and take strict action under the law against hoarding, profiteering and blackmarketing.

Electrification of Howrah-Madras and Bombay-Madras Rail Routes

337. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up the electrification of the Howrah-Madras and Bombay-Madras rail routes in the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Sections to be taken up for electrification, in the Seventh Five-Year Plan, have not yet been decided.

Use of River Waters

338. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian rivers carry about 1440 million acre feet of water per year;

(b) how much of this water is put to use; and

(c) what is the storage capacity created to utilise more river waters, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The surface water resources of the country which includes river flows and water resources of lakes and ponds, are assessed at about 178 million hectare metres (1440 m. acre feet). However, owing to several limitations, only about 67 million ha. metres (540 m. acre feet) are utilisable. About 27.1 million ha. metres (220 m. acre feet) of the surface water resources is assessed as being utilised at present.

(c) The State-wise break-up of storage capacities as available for

major and medium projects is given in Statement.

Statement

State-wise storages in India

Sl. No.	State	Live storage M.cu.M.
1	Andhra Pradesh	21591·38
2	Bihar	4956·99
3	Gujarat	13084·14
4	Himachal Pradesh	14513·44
5	Jammu & Kashmir	0·49
6	Karnataka	16271·55
7	Kerala	4018·79
8	Madhya Pradesh	13219·15
9	Maharashtra	17750·79
10	Meghalaya	475·91
11	Orissa	9790·17
12	Punjab	19·74
13	Rajasthan	3694·41
14	Tamilnadu	5985·71
15	Uttar Pradesh	16315·17
16	West Bengal	1027·49
	TOTAL	142715 32 (114 MAF)

Electrification of Delhi-Agra Rail Track

339. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electrification of Delhi-Agra section has been completed, if so, when and at what cost;

(b) whether the steam and diesel engines have been replaced on this section by electric locos;

(c) what is the source of supply of power for this Section and what steps Government propose to take to ensure that supply of power to this Section is neither denied nor delayed; and

(d) what are the estimated savings per day in terms of money and quantity of coal and diesel due to electrification of the track?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The main works for electrification on Delhi-Agra Section have been completed and the section was energised in stages on various dates by 25-5-84. However, some ancillary works are still in progress. The work of electrification of Delhi-Agra section which forms part of the Project for electrification of Delhi-Jhansi Section is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 58.14 crores.

(b) Diesel locos on 2 freight trains in either direction in the section have already been replaced by electric locos, and replacement of such locos on another 8 trains in either direction has already been tied up. Electrification of all other diesel hauled and the steam hauled trains, has been planned in phases.

(c) Electricity for the Section is to be supplied by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, Haryana State Electricity Board and UP State Eelctricity Board who have assured continuous supply of power for electric traction. Power for railway electric traction is given priority by the power supply authorities.

(d) The estimated savings per day in terms of diesel oil are about 79 kilolitres which would cost about Rs. 2.52 lakhs. No estimate has been made of savings in terms of coal, as the section is predominently dieselised.

Perinatal Mortality

340. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: